

Memo for the DCI fr Col. Grogan, dtd 19 Feb 57, re OSS records recommending transfer of OSS records to National Archives

Memo for DCI fr C. OPS/DDp, dtd 1 Mar 57, recommending against such transfer. See LRH note below

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I concur with [] for the reasons he states and for two additional reasons. It is a little known fact that technically our portion of the OSS records are considered Joint Chiefs of Staff papers placed by them under our custody and control. This has been useful in that certain papers required for court purposes have been authenticated by the Army rather than by CIA. Secondly, this Office in considering claims and other matters going back to the past has recurring need for this Archives material. It is not only readily available in its current status but we feel CIA has more control for the protection of intelligence sources and methods. Thus, in such matters [] we are in a better position to look after our interests in the production of OSS records than if they were turned over to National Archives.

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